

(b) each (first) molecule invokes a next (successive) molecule to build the logic web "on the fly" in the remote computing environment;

(c) at least one of the molecules is enabled to receive a communication signal from an external communication source, so as to guide the generation of itself or another molecule in response to an external signal, thereby allowing the logic web to be extended in the remote computing environment in response, at least in part, to the external communication signal.

The recitations of a "library", "method handler micro-components", and "layers of incremental processing" in the main claims as previously submitted are eliminated where unnecessary to the intended scope of the claims. The dependent claims are also amended consistent with the above changes to the main claims.

In contrast to the invention as now defined in the amended Claims, the Huckins patent discloses a distributed service architecture for sharing a defined application among one or more remote machines. Each machine must have a copy of the same defined application running on that machine (col. 4, lines 4-7). In order for each machine to invoke a function of the shared application on another machine, the local machine must invoke an instance of that function on its own local machine (col. 8, lines 51-55) and use the local machine RI server to generate an encapsulated Protocol Data Unit (PDU) for the function which is then multicast to the remote machine (generally, col. 3, lines 14-31, and also the step logic of Fig. 5). When the remote machine receives the PDU, it uses its own remote machine RI server (col. 9, lines 6-9) to invoke the "called" function on the remote machine (col. 8, lines 11-18). The two machines can then "share" the called function of the same application since both now have invoked the same function for that application.

The invention as defined in the amended Claims is clearly different from the Huckins disclosure in any one or more of the following ways:

1. Each molecule is a separate software entity of a logic web generated "on the fly" on any given machine, and is not a function of the same shared application running on another machine as described in the Huckins patent.

2. Each molecule generates its own component functions locally (autonomously), not by receiving a PDU packet for a function of a shared application mirrored on another machine as in Huckins.

3. At least one of the molecules of a logic web on a given machine is responsive to an external communication signal to guide the generation of itself or another molecule, which is something that Huckins does not disclose or suggest.

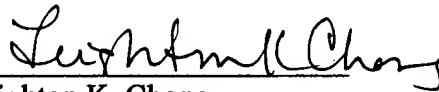
Thus, in the invention, different logic webs can be deployed in different remote computing environments. Each logic web is built from a first molecule which invokes a next molecule and so on in order to extend the logic web in that local environment "on the fly", without limitation as to what is happening on other machines. Further, the extension of the logic web can be guided in response to receiving an external communication signal. Thus, each logic web can build its own different application autonomously on each local machine, then change or modify its deployment in response to an external signal. It is not limited to a single shared application that must be run across all machines, as is true in the Huckins system where all machines must run the same shared application and invoke shared functions by generating them locally, packaging them in PDU messages, and multi-casting the PDU messages to the other machines.

In summary, Claims 21-40 as amended are deemed to be patentably distinct over the cited prior art and in condition for allowance, and it is requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued upon reconsideration.

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